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I believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONIZING STORAGE SYSTEM DATA**, the specification of which is attached hereto, was filed on August 1, 2003 and was assigned Application Number 10/633,344.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

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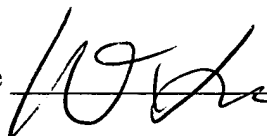
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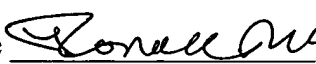


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